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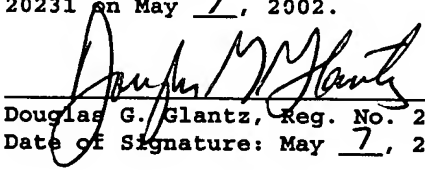


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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following Amendment in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed May 1, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b).

Composite absorbent structure and method provide a wicking layer having preferred liquid transport properties in preferred contact with a retention layer. A novel Contact Intimacy Ratio provides preferred liquid transport retention. In one aspect, a bonding agent combines with wicking wettable lamellae or foams and hydrogel-forming polymeric superabsorbent, to form the